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1. THIRD DAY OF HUA'S BELGRADE VISIT FEATURES MORNING VISITS
TO AGRICULTURAL AND FOOD PROCESSING COMBINE "BEOGRAD" AND
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TO AGRICULTURAL MACHINERY PLANT "ZMAJ". (RADIO BELGRADE REPORTS
THAT DURING "ZMAJ" VISIT, HUA WAS BRIEFED ON PLANT'S PARTI-
CIPATION IN ALL-PEOPLES DEFENSE, BEING SHOWN WORKERS' UNIFORMS
AND ARMS LOCKERS). LATER AFTERNOON RECEPTION FOR HEADS OF
FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC MISSIONS; AND EVENING MEETING WITH SERBIAN
PRESIDENCY PRESIDENT VIDIC AND OTHER SERBIAN OFFICIALS,
FOLLOWED BY DINNER IN HUA'S HONOR HOSTED BY VIDIC.

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2. PRESS HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUATION OF TALKS BETWEEN HUA AND TITO IN ATMOSPHERE OF "OPENNESS, CONFIDENCE, AND MUTUAL RESPECT." DURING THEIR TWO-HOUR EXCHANGE AUGUST 22 (IN PLENUM), THE PRESS REPORTS, BOTH BOTH LEADERS REVIEWED CURRENT INTERNATIONAL SITUATION AND TRENDS, DETENTE, EVENTS IN AFRICA ("ESPECIALLY IN THE HORN OF AFRICA"), THE MIDDLE EAST, AND SOUTHEAST ASIA. HUA REPORTEDLY SET OUT IN DETAIL CHINA'S BASIC CONCERNS AND POLICIES AS WELL AS ASPECTS OF CHINA'S RELATIONS WITH VARIOUS COUNTRIES." REGARDING NON-ALIGNMENT, HUA NOTED APPROVINGLY THE PROMINENT ROLE PLAYED BY THE NAM IN INTERNATIONAL POLITICAL AFFAIRS AND EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR TITO'S EFFORTS, WHOSE "POSITIVE IMPACT" WAS FELT AT THE RECENT NAM MINISTERIAL IN BELGRADE, TO PRESERVE AND FURTHER STRENGTHEN THE NAM. THE TWO LEADERS, ACCORDING TO THE PRESS, ALSO DISCUSSED INTERNAL ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE COUNTRIES, WITH TITO REPORTEDLY PUTTING SPECIAL EMPHASIS ON LCY UNITY WHICH WAS "SO STRONGLY REAFFIRMED" AT THE 11TH LCY CONGRESS.

3. BELGRADE PRESS ALSO REPORTS THAT HUA'S MEETING WITH FEDERAL EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PRESIDENT DJURANOVIC FOCUSED ON BILATERAL RELATIONS, PARTICULARLY ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION BETWEEN YUGOSLAVIA AND CHINA. IT WAS NOTED THAT THE LARGE EXCHANGE OF VARIOUS LEVEL DELEGATIONS BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES HAS ENHANCED POSSIBILITIES OF COOPERATION AND THAT "FAVORABLE CONFIDENTIAL

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POSSIBILITIES EXIST, NOT ONLY FOR TRADE, BUT FOR INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, JOINT INVESTMENTS, RESEARCH, SCIENTIFIC AND CULTURAL COOPERATION, AND TECHNOLOGY EXCHANGE." YUGOSLAV-CHINESE TRADE IS EXPECTED TO DOUBLE THIS YEAR (TO ROUGHLY DOLS 200 MILLION), ACCORDING TO PRESS ACCOUNTS OF HUA MEETING WITH DJURANOVIC. PRESS ALSO NOTED THAT ONE CAN EXPECT RAPID DEVELOPMENT OF YUGOSLAV-CHINESE ECONOMIC COOPERATION, THAT A LONG-TERM ECONOMIC COOPERATION AGREEMENT WOULD BE SIGNED DURING THE VISIT, AND THAT BOTH SIDES AGREED ON NEED TO BRING ECONOMIC RELATIONS INTO CONFORMITY WITH POLITICAL RELATIONS, WHICH HAVE ALREADY ACHIEVED A HIGH LEVEL OF DEVELOPMENT.

4. IN THE AFTERNOON, TALKS ON INTER-PARTY COOPERATION WERE HELD BETWEEN LCY CENTRAL COMMITTEE PRESIDIUM SECRETARY DOLANC AND MEMBER OF CHINESE CP CENTRAL COMMITTEE POLIT-BUREAU CHI TENG KWEI. BOTH SIDES, THE PRESS REPORTED, REVIEWED RESULTS ACHIEVED TO DATE, AGREED THAT GOOD CONDITIONS EXIST FOR FURTHER EXPANSION OF PARTY RELATIONS, AND AFFIRMED THAT THESE RELATIONS ARE BASED ON INDEPENDENCE, EQUALITY, AND RESPECT OF DIFFERENCES STEMMING FROM TWO COUNTRIES' SPECIAL ROADS TO SOCIALIST BUILDING AND THEIR INTERNATIONAL POSITIONS.

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5. OTHER ACTIVITIES OF THE DAY HIGHLIGHTED BY PRESS INCLUDED A VISIT TO THE SAVA CONFERENCE CENTER, WHERE HUA PRAISED THE BUILDING OF THIS GRANDIOSE PROJECT IN RECORD TIME; AFTERNOON CEREMONY AT THE BELGRADE MUNICIPAL ASSEMBLY WHERE HE RECEIVED THE GOLDEN PLAQUE OF BELGRADE AND WAS GREETED WITH "STORMY APPLAUSE", AND THE EVENING PERFORMANCE AT THE NATIONAL THEATER WHERE ONE OF THE FEATURED PIECES WAS A YUGOSLAV RENDITION OF THAT OLD CHINESE FAVORITE, "THE NORTH WIND IS BLOWING." EACH OF THESE PROTOCOL EVENTS WAS ACCOMPANIED BY ITS OWN IMPLACABLE TRAFFIC JAM.

6. WHILE THIS EVENING'S DINNER FOR HUA HOSTED BY VIDIC WILL PRODUCE ANOTHER EXCHANGE OF TOASTS AND THUS COULD PROVIDE MORE POLITICALLY NOTEWORTHY PRONOUNCEMENTS, MOST OBSERVERS ARE NOW CONFIDENTIAL

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TURNING ATTENTION EXPECTANTLY TO TOMORROW'S VISIT TO SKOPJE, IN MACEDONIA, WHERE NEITHER HUA NOR THE YUGOSLAVS ARE LIKELY TO IGNORE THE MACEDONIAN NATIONALITIES ISSUE WITH BULGARIA. WORTZEL

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